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This week, Metro Canada is taking a closer look at the state of same-sex marriages. We will look at same-sex marriage in Canada, the United States and around the world — and introduce you to people who have gotten married, or plan to tie the knot.

Today

• After California, same-sex marriage supporters are fighting back, pg 6

Tomorrow

• Comment and Views: The battle between marriage rites vs. rights

Friday

• An update on the status of same-sex marriages in other countries

Sunny Side

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Entertainment pg 17

Ed McMahon dies at 86



Jazz O'Driscoll takes advantage of the sunny weather to practise a few tricks at the Castledowns YMCA yesterday.

Iran authorities warn held 'rioters'

POLITICS Iranian authorities said they would teach an exemplary lesson to "rioters" held in the worst unrest since the birth of the Islamic Republic and accused Western powers of inciting the violence.

Riot police and Basij militia on Tehran's main

squares warded off the mass protests that have marked the week since disputed elections. Iran's hardline leadership appeared to have gained the ascendancy, at least for the moment.

The conflict, which has yielded unprecedented

signs of division in the religious leadership, began to play out on the diplomatic level with Britain the focus of anger. London said two of its diplomats had been expelled from Iran and it had ordered out two Iranians in retaliation. **REUTERS**

MORE COVERAGE, PG 4

Mother gets life

Judge rejects mistrial application

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Uncontrollable sobs from Katrina Effert's parents echoed through a packed courtroom yesterday, after a judge ruled Effert will have to serve a life sentence for the murder of her newborn son.

Court of Queen's Bench Justice Joanne Veit rejected defence lawyer Peter Royal's application for a mistrial, and said that though "juries, like judges, sometimes make mistakes" the proper avenue for a mistrial is the Court of Appeal.

Effert, 23, bowed her head, sobbed silently and sunk progressively lower in her seat as Veit reasoned her ruling.

"The situation is best described as tragic. One young life is lost, and another is in ruin," Crown prosecutor John Laluka said in court, describing the baby who in 2005 was strangled to death with a pair of panties and tossed in a neighbour's yard as "the most innocent of victims."

A jury reached the ver-

dict Saturday. It was the second time Effert was convicted of murdering her son. A retrial from her initial 2006 conviction was ordered after the Crown agreed the original judge erred while instructing the jury. Royal claimed jurors "misunderstood" evidence, upon making the mistrial application Monday.

"The suggestion that 12 people can't figure it out does a disservice to the jury system," Laluka said outside court. "I think they're more than able to make these decisions."

Royal declined comment, but said he has plans to file an appeal.

Laluka and Crown prosecutor Rob Robbenhaar said Effert's own words were the strongest pieces of evidence against her.

"The very complex nature of her lies showed she did not have a disturbance of the mind. She was clear-thinking throughout," Laluka said.

Effert is not eligible for parole for 10 years.

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Musicians raising money for hospital

Hip Hop for Hope 6 "Tributes" hits the Winspear Centre this July to raise money to purchase pediatric cribs for the Stollery Children's Hospital. 3rd Street Beat is partnering with Feats 2009 to present Hip Hop for Hope 6 "Tributes" from July 4-5. **METRO EDMONTON**

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Show off your dancing skills

The Feats dance festival invites dancers to participate in this year's summer intensive program and workshops from 12-2 p.m. on June 29 to July 3 at the Edmonton School of Ballet (8205 — 90 Ave.) For more information about Feats activities, workshops, performances and special presentations, call 780-422-8107; toll free: 1-888-422-8107, or visit abdancealliance.ab.ca. **METRO EDMONTON**

Weapon arsenal uncovered

RCMP and border officials make largest seizure in provincial history

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Thousands of restricted weapons that read like a prop list from a ninja film will never make it onto city streets, as Mounties and border patrol officers have intercepted a shipment of peculiar weapons big enough to equip a small army.

In the bust made at the Edmonton International Airport last week, officers

"... like something from a movie with villains from outer space."

RCMP Cpl. Wayne Oakes, on the weapons found

discovered 1,200 brass knuckles, 1,000 throwing stars, 500 blow guns with pinpoint darts with the potential for poison tips, 80 short-grip crossbows and numerous four-blade hand-held weapons, which RCMP Cpl. Wayne Oakes described as "like something from a movie with villains

from outer space."

"That item," Oakes said, pointing at a pile of blow guns, "should not be pointed at anything you don't intend to kill. If that doesn't speak to the lethality of that gun, I don't know what does — that comes right from the manufacturer."

Also taken during the

seizure were Batman, Ironman and Transformer ceramic masks, believed to be counterfeit.

A quick-thinking border guard doubted the legitimacy of the cargo, which arrived at Canadian customs on June 16. The arsenal was uncovered under a layer of legitimate items, and is, to date, the largest cache of restricted weapons seized in provincial history.

Though officials were cryptic about where the shipment was destined,

they expressed relief the weapons will never end up in the wrong hands.

"This seizure is indicative of the importance we get this stuff off the streets, so it doesn't hit the communities, the schools, Canada as a whole, and keeps it out of the hands of criminals," said criminal inquiries division director Mike Skappak.

Officers arrested a man in connection with the bust on Monday. Charges and release of the suspect's name are pending.

Trade your old cells in at the zoo

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Cops warn about a rise in vehicle thefts

MADING NGOR
for Metro Edmonton

CRIME Do you recall a time when locking your vehicle was theft-proof? Not anymore.

That's the message the police were selling to the public yesterday at a press conference held to sound an alarm to the public on the recent upsurge in auto vehicle thefts.

"It's no longer about locking your vehicle because these guys, as we have seen, can break in very quickly," Supt. David Veitch of Southeast Division explained to Metro yesterday.

Police have seen 634 thefts from vehicles between June 1 and 21 alone. This year there have been 4,735 thefts from vehicles compared to 4,578 in 2008.

While there's a spike in vehicle thefts, the thefts from autos has declined markedly since 2005 and there's a decrease in vehicle theft by about 14 per cent to date, compared to last year, said a release from the Edmonton Police Service.

"The reason why there's an increase is that there are a lot of bad dudes out there who are stealing from vehicles," said Veitch.

Veitch said vehicle thieves have become sophisticated so the public has to catch on by removing all valuables from their vehicles.

Car-owners are urged to pick up anti-theft screws at a nearby divisional station to prevent licence plate thefts, which police say accounted for about 30 per cent of thefts from cars.

Edmonton Garrison Changing commanders



Troops with the 1 Combat Engineer Regiment march into the parade grounds at the Edmonton Garrison yesterday to the tune of military music provided by the Royal Artillery Band. The traditional military ceremony was in celebration of the change of commander of the regiment.

News in brief

MISTAKE It was a case of mistaken identity as RCMP Stony Plain officers acting on the authority of a judicially authorized search warrant searched a remote rural residence on the Enoch Cree First Nation, only to discover they had gone to the wrong house. **METRO EDMONTON**

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WHAT'S ONLINE TODAY

Video Newfoundland man confesses to strangling his girlfriend for suspected cheating at metronews.ca/canada
Blogs Sexcetera on why the poor economy is fuel for infidelity and Hollywood Rants wonders if M. Night Shyamalan will find redemption in his latest flick.



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Edmonton-Calder Conservative MLA Doug Elniski is vowing to be more careful about what he posts on his blog, CBC News Online reports. The politician apologized late Monday afternoon for controversial comments he posted on his blog and insisted that he is not sexist. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Canada



Prosecutor to leave genocide tribunal

The Canadian prosecutor at the genocide tribunal trying Cambodia's Khmer Rouge announced yesterday he is resigning, citing personal and family reasons, CBC News Online reports. In a statement, Robert Petit said his resignation will become effective Sept. 1, three years after he joined the United Nations-backed tribunal, which is holding its first trial. "It has been the greatest privilege of my career to have the opportunity to bring some justice to the victims of the crimes of the Khmer Rouge," Petit said. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Vancouver Hockey stars on hand



Phoenix Coyotes head coach Wayne Gretzky smiles as Calgary Flame captain Jarome Iginla answers a question during the launch of Samsung's 2010 Winter Olympic Games wireless hardware and programs in Vancouver.

Sisters standing up

Iranian women raising their voices after graphic shooting of protester

FERNANDO CARNEIRO
and KRISTA SYLVESTER

Social media's capture of 27-year-old Iranian woman Neda Agha Soltan's graphic shooting death Saturday has given Iranians around the world a symbol of hope in the face of a violent crackdown on election protests by the current regime.

It has catapulted the struggle of Iranian women and their patriotic voice to the foreground; something they've been setting the stage for over three decades.

"For the last 30 years

"Since her death she has become a symbol of brave women. Neda was only there to show support for her country."

Goli, Calgary protester

(Iranian) women were not quiet and used every occasion to raise their voices. Specifically over the last four years, they managed to mobilize resources to ask for equal rights and eliminate discrimination," said Mehrak Mehrvar, research associate at the UBC Women's and Gender Studies Centre.

Mehrak said Iranian women participated in the 1979 Iranian revolution

and have gradually made human rights progress — culminating with a one-million signature campaign to support equal rights legislation.

"What we're seeing today is the result of the good work they've done over the past 30 years," Mehrak said.

Neda's sacrifice personifies the struggle of Iranian women and their willingness to stand up for them-

selves and their country — a sentiment echoed by protesters at a 200-plus rally in downtown Calgary yesterday.

"Since her death she has become a symbol of brave women. Neda was only there to show support for her country and after her death, women are showing their support for Neda and taking a stand," protester Goli said.

"Iranian women are showing they too, have a voice."

Goli said Iranian women are facing more pressures than their male counterparts in their country and have more to gain by standing up to the corruption.

News in brief

RIGHTS A sweeping search through the home of a suspected terrorist — including his wife's underwear draw-

er — violated the man's constitutional right to privacy, a Federal Court judge ruled yesterday. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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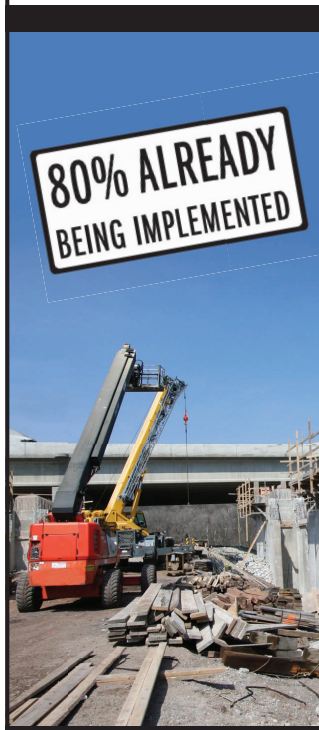
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Ontario runs dry as provincial liquor store employees move toward strike

People flocked to liquor stores across Ontario yesterday as the province's liquor stores could be hit by a strike as early as today, CBC News Online reports. Liquor Control Board of Ontario employees, representing more than 6,000 workers, are threatening to take job action. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Grits, Tories neck-and-neck in polls

As talk of a fall federal election heats up, the Conservatives and Liberals are essentially in a dead heat, 32 to 31 per cent, pointing to yet another minority government, according to the latest Toronto Star/ Angus Reid poll.

However, if voters have had one thing in common this past month it's that they didn't give high marks for momentum to any to the five political

leaders because of the brinksmanship going on in Ottawa that narrowly avoided a dreaded summer election.

"The negative momentum score for all five leaders suggests that nobody connected with the public during the standoff," the results state, noting that Prime Minister Stephen Harper by far had the highest negatives numbers.

The political duelling be-

'Poor job'

• The survey found that 34 per cent agreed Harper is best suited to handle the economy, compared to 20 per cent for Ignatieff, yet 40 per cent said the Conservative government has done a "poor job" and that Canada needs a new government.

tween Harper and Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff is

no contest so far with Harper outpointing him on being strong and decisive, managing the economy and honesty and trustworthiness.

The poll conducted June 17-18 of 1,005 Canadians shows that both of the major parties have a lot of work to do if they are entertaining thoughts of taking Canadians to the polls within months.

The results show 32 per

cent support for the Conservatives, up one per cent from the last national poll in May, with the Liberals nipping at the governing party's heel with 31 per cent or down two per cent. The New Democrats finished in third place with 18 per cent support, followed by the Bloc Quebecois at 11 per cent and Green Party holding steady at seven per cent.

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PQ's byelection defeats leave Quebec Grits 'very happy'

BYELECTION Quebec's ruling Liberals said yesterday they were delighted by victories in two byelections that helped further damage the cause of separatist parties.

Monday's elections, held to fill vacancies in the provincial legislature, had been billed as an opportunity for Quebecers to vent their frustration with the Liberal government over how it was handling the economic crisis.

The Parti Quebecois had high hopes of winning in the town of Riviere-du-Loup. But the loss there to the Liberals is another sign the party is having trouble putting across its message.

"We are very happy with the results ... Quebecers spoke in one voice to ask the government to continue on the same course," Liberal Premier Jean Charest told a news conference.

The Liberals won a majority in last December's provincial election, with Charest saying he was the best leader to steer the province of 7.5 million through the recession.

REUTERS

Courts shouldn't interfere over Khadr case: Lawyers

HEARING The courts should not interfere with political decisions by forcing Prime Minister Stephen Harper to ask for Guantanamo Bay detainee Omar Khadr's return, government lawyers argued in a hearing yesterday.

Doreen Mueller conceded that she couldn't "point to any risks" in seeking the Toronto-born captive's return, but said the court could not overturn the government's foreign affairs decisions.

Calling the case "challenging," Mueller told the three Federal Appeals judges that Canada has done much to ensure Khadr's safety.

"The government is very concerned about his treatment and detention in Guantanamo Bay," Mueller said, before reading dozens of notes sent by the Canadian government to the U.S. administration over the last seven years.

They included requests by the former Liberal government to stop Khadr's transfer to the U.S. base in Cuba in fall 2002 and let-

"The government is very concerned about (Khadr's) treatment and detention in Guantanamo Bay."

Doreen Mueller

ters highlighting international law obligations requiring special protection for Khadr, since he was only 15 when captured.

Government lawyers did not mention an internal government email, obtained by Torstar, in which a high-ranking Canadian Foreign Affairs official later warned her political bosses to "claw back" on public comments that reinforced Khadr's age. Khadr's age was no longer mentioned publicly.

The government is appealing a lower court's ruling that Canada had denied Khadr his right to a fair trial and violated international law protecting children captured in armed conflict.

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Ottawa Planning a trip



China's Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi meets with Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff in his office on Parliament Hill in Ottawa yesterday. Ignatieff announced a visit to China in September after meeting with the Chinese minister, who called for "vision and courage" in bilateral relations.

Prudence may hold Canada's banks back

FINANCE Less than a year after rivals in New York and London collapsed or begged bailouts, Canada's Big Five banks are churning out modest profits and minor writedowns, and are mulling which part of global banking they'd like to dominate — unless their prudence gets in the way.

"The very same thing that caused them to suffer less — their caution, their conservatism — makes one hesitate before saying they're going to inherit the earth," said veteran Bay Street dealmaker Stanley Hart, chairman at Macquarie Capital Markets Canada.

Housing policy

• RBC chief Gord Nixon, TD head Ed Clark and BMO head Bill Downe all point first to flawed U.S. housing policy when asked why so many U.S. banks failed but Canada weathered the storm.

That Canadian banks emerged as the strongest ones standing in the meltdown has been chalked up to a conservative corporate culture, stiff regulation and even housing policy.

"But not good management?" quipped Gord Nixon, chief executive of

Royal Bank of Canada.

It's not that Canada's major banks are bitter about the somewhat surprised global reaction to their seaworthiness. It's just such an abrupt shift.

"It wasn't that long ago that we were under a lot of pressure to be much more aggressive in terms of buying U.S. banks," Nixon said.

While Canadian banks have recorded writedowns for U.S. or international losses in recent quarters, heads of all five major banks are no doubt counting themselves lucky for being as careful as they've been not to overreach.

REUTERS

Toronto Second day of strike



Toronto Mayor David Miller gives media a strike update at Metro Hall yesterday. Temperatures were climbing yesterday all over the city, on the second day of a walkout by 30,000 inside and outside city workers, placing a freeze on garbage pickup and daycare services.

Ottawa marks first two deaths from H1N1 flu

TRACEY TONG
Metro Canada

Ottawa has had its first two deaths linked to influenza A (H1N1), including a teenager, Ottawa Public Health said yesterday.

The young male, who had tested positive for the virus, also known as swine flu, died over the last few days, said Ottawa's medical officer of health, Dr. Isra Levy. Ottawa Public Health said the male also had underlying chronic health problems, but would not elaborate out of respect for the family.

A 52-year-old female from outside Ottawa who had tested positive for H1N1 also succumbed at the Ottawa Hospital over the last few days. There have been 15 deaths in the province.

News in brief

CHILD SUPPORT Ontario Ombudsman André Marin took aim yesterday in his annual report at how deadbeat parents are policed. Marin also criticized the province's police watchdog for failing to adopt

"hardcore" changes recommended by his office, as well as what he calls "insufficient oversight" in some parts of the colleges sector. The problem of child support arrears in Ontario — estimated at nearly

\$1.5 billion — was a highlight of the report. Marin said the agency that deals with it, the Family Responsibility Office, is one of the "most consistently" complained-about organizations. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**



Pupils can rate teachers online: Court

A German court ruled yesterday that schoolchildren may rate their teachers online, rejecting the case of a woman who argued her rights had been infringed by pupils who gave her bad grades on a popular website. **REUTERS**

World



Spacecraft studying moon

NASA's unmanned lunar spacecraft is now in orbit around the moon, the start of a mission to scout the moon's environment in preparation for future manned endeavours. The probe will map the moon's craters for permanently shadowed and sunlit regions, information useful for planning potential locations of a moon base. In 2006, NASA laid out its ambitious plans to send people back to the moon in 2020 and begin work on a lunar base in 2024. **REUTERS**

Californians caught off guard

GRAHAM WOOD
Metro World News



It seemed like there was hardly a fight left to put up over gay marriage.

Rapidly, one by one, U.S. states began to lower their guard against same-sex unions: Connecticut, Vermont, Iowa, Maine and,

most recently, New Hampshire, all in the first part of this year. But then there was California. Supporters of gay marriage in California and around the country were nearly positive such a progressive state would never deny a minority what they considered a basic civil right. Opponents expected the same. And then every-



one was blindsided: Proposition 8, denying gays the right to marry, was upheld last year.

"My sense is that the supporters of marriage equality

in California were a bit complacent and that they were quite surprised," said Lawrence Levine, a professor at the University of the Pacific in Sacramento, Calif. The Courage Campaign, an advocacy group lobbying for legal gay marriage in California, is telling supporters to get ready to go for a 2010 battle at the polls.

News in brief

RIOT Inmates raped around 20 female prisoners during a failed prison break in Congo's violence-ravaged east. Two people were killed and 12 others were injured when prisoners detonated two grenades inside the prison. With small budgets and poor facilities, Congolese prisons are generally overcrowded. In many cases, soldiers, women,

and children are mixed in with the general inmate population.

ARRESTS Eight men from a Mennonite community in Bolivia have been arrested and accused of raping at least 60 women from their farming settlement in the eastern Santa Cruz region, a prosecutor said yesterday. "We've been told that more than 60 women from

the Manitoba Mennonite community (could have been raped). Possibly many more ... It seems this has been going on for about 10 years," prosecutor Freddy Perez said.

FIND Archeologists in Cyprus have found what they believe are some of the world's oldest water wells, dating from the Stone Age 10,500 years ago and containing the skeleton of

a young woman. "Radiocarbon dates indicate that these wells are 9,000 to 10,500 years old, which places them amongst the earliest water wells known in the world," the University of Edinburgh Antiquities Department said in a statement yesterday. It was silted up, containing animal bones and the skeleton of a young woman, the department said. **REUTERS**

Colombia Shootout



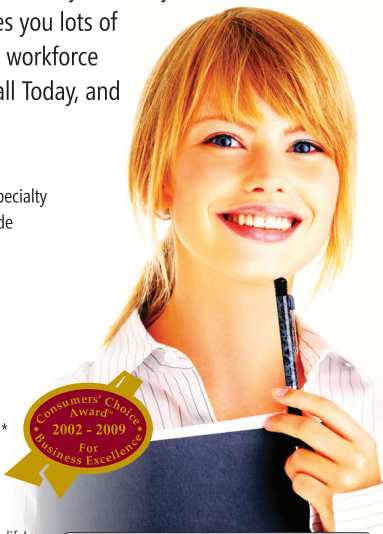
The wife of a murdered police officer waits with her baby outside the government forensic office in Cali yesterday. Leftist guerrillas attacked a vehicle carrying Colombian police on Monday, setting off a battle that killed seven officers and 25 rebels.

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Freedom lacking in our Information Act

TheWestView

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What is the point of the Freedom of Information Act?

Especially when it is used to cover up information?

The Defence Department in Ottawa recently refused to reveal the annu-

al cost of the war in Afghanistan, citing section 15 of the Freedom of Information Act, which advises against disclosing any information which could...

"... reasonably be expected to be injurious to the conduct of international affairs, the defence of Canada or any state allied or associated with Canada or the detection, prevention or suppression of subversive or hostile activities."

I'm not sure how any of that applies to the annual cost of the war in Afghanistan, especially because last year the military

complied with an identical request and coughed up the figure of \$1 billion — the first time the annual tally had reached that lofty height.

I can just see the Taliban braintrust holed up in a cave, trying to exploit the Canadian war budget.

"Hmm, maybe we should send this message out to all our brave warriors: The Canadian government is spending \$1 billion a year to defeat you, but they are fools because Allah assures us of great victory, not to mention 72 virgins in paradise."

Or something along those lines.

Seriously, the only thing Section 15 is protecting is Stephen Harper's ample booty, which is pointless because it is already exposed on a number of fronts. When a government elected on a promise of transparency trades in secrecy, you know it has exhausted its vitality — its moral mandate.

It has sealed its fate by choosing to hide behind a provision that was obviously designed to increase our security, not undermine it. Make no mistake, the military's failure to

disclose the ongoing cost of the conflict undermines our security by increasing the public's lack of trust in Ottawa's capacity for accountability.

In the immortal words of Pogo, that cartoon character from the mid-20th century, "We have met the enemy and he is us."

At least the Taliban have never bothered to pretend to have our best interests at heart.

If the Freedom of Information Act does not ensure government accountability when it engages in war on our behalf, it becomes a hollow, mocking

shell of itself.

Freedom of information is the bedrock of democracy.

I don't know about you, but it sends shivers up my spine to learn that we will spend somewhere between \$18 and \$28 billion (the figure depends on who is doing the figuring) in Afghanistan by 2011 to preserve a tattered remnant of freedom in that sorry state, while busily suppressing it back here on the home front.

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Word on the street: Is the Harper government on the right track to get us out of the recession?

Jon Heinrichs

age 29, Calgary

A: I think they are doing enough by not doing too much. I don't think we want to make over corrections.



Christiane Yerex

age 18, Toronto

A: No ... I've listened to a lot of things he's said, and I disagree with his opinions.



Ayla Brook

age 35, Edmonton

A: I am not sure that I have enough faith in (Harper's) leadership to get us through this.



Ricardo Ruiz

age 37, Edmonton

A: They could do much better, but it's better than nothing. They should place incentives in the economy.



Bernard Guest

age 37, Calgary

A: It's hard to say if they are on track or not ... We don't know that until we've tried.



Colleen MacLennan

age 51, Halifax

A: I believe so. I think he's a very responsible, very conservative person and I have faith in his ability.



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U.S. limousine companies are laying off workers and closing offices as the recession cuts into demand for the shiny black symbols of wealth and power. Instead of using limos, corporate customers have been putting their executives onto taxis and buses. **REUTERS**

Recession puts brakes on limo companies

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Breeding better vegetables

Monsanto, Dole focusing on taste, shelf life of fresh produce

Monsanto Co. and Dole Fresh Vegetables Inc. are formalizing a partnership to breed broccoli, spinach and other vegetables that would be more attractive to consumers.

The five-year collaboration, announced yesterday, will focus on creating variations of broccoli, cauliflower, lettuce and spinach, the companies said in a statement.

The focus of their efforts is to breed more colourful, tastier vegetables that are less susceptible to bruising and have a longer shelf life.

"If I buy broccoli on Saturday or Sunday and try to cook it on Wednesday, it'll get wilted," Monsanto

spokeswoman Riddhi Trivedi-St. Clair said of one of reasons for the program.

She also stressed that these new variants will

not be genetically modified like the company's corn seed and soybean products, a much larger operation for Monsanto. Also known for its herbicide

business, Monsanto has been aggressively growing its vegetable business with recent moves such as the 2005 acquisition of Seminis,

which gave Monsanto control over more than 30 per cent of the North American vegetable seed market.

In 2008, Monsanto acquired Netherlands-based De Ruiter Seeds, whose focus is in greenhouse vegetable growth as opposed to the open-field expertise of Seminis.

Dole and Monsanto had previously been working together on fresh vegetables, though the agreement announced yesterday formalized the venture, said Dole spokesman Marty Ordman.

Should new products be created under the collaboration, they could be sold by Dole in North America.

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Wireless giants protest federal airwave auction

INDUSTRY As new wireless companies prepare to launch in Canada in the coming months, Rogers Communications Inc., Bell Canada Inc. and Telus Corp. are accusing the federal government of unnecessarily meddling in a competitive market through last year's auction of airwaves, which set aside 14 per cent of available spectrum for new entrants.

The carriers argued in recent filings to Industry Canada that the approach encouraged "gaming," as prospective new players artificially drove up bids on airwaves that were available to everyone, knowing that the incumbents would be unable to respond.

Michael Hennessy, the senior vice-president of regulatory and govern-

Overpaying?

• Hennessy said Telus recently commissioned a study that found auction participants overpaid by as much as \$2 billion for spectrum compared to what similar slices of airwaves have fetched in other countries.

ment affairs for Telus, said the rich prices — the auction raised a record \$4.26 billion — threaten to drag down the industry, which only recently began to generate positive cash flows after pouring billions into wireless infrastructure.

"This will push the industry back into a cumulative cash flow negative position for a number of years," he warned.

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MySpace to slash global workforce

Proposed plan would reduce staff by 300

MySpace, the social networking website owned by Rupert Murdoch's News Corp., said yesterday it plans to cut about two-thirds of its international workforce and close at least four of its offices outside the United States.

The proposed restructuring plan would reduce MySpace's international staff to about 150 people from 450, the company said in a statement.

The planned cuts come on top of MySpace's announcement last week that it was reducing its U.S. staff by about 30 per cent to 1,000 people, saying its staffing levels were "bloated" and had hurt its ability to be efficient and nimble. Roughly half of My-

"MySpace's staffing had become too big and cumbersome to be sustainable in current market conditions."

Owen Van Natta, chief executive

Space's total user base comes from outside the United States. Rival Facebook's worldwide user base is more than double that of MySpace, according to market researcher comScore.

"As we conducted our review of the company, it was clear that internationally, just as in the U.S., MySpace's staffing had be-

come too big and cumbersome to be sustainable in current market conditions," MySpace chief executive Owen Van Natta said in a statement.

Under the proposed plan, MySpace would place its existing offices in Argentina, Brazil, Canada, France, India, Italy, Mexico, Russia, Sweden and Spain under review for possible restructuring.

Upon completion, London, Berlin and Sydney would become primary regional hubs for MySpace's international operations.

MySpace China, a locally owned, operated and managed company, and MySpace's joint venture in Japan will not be affected by the proposed plan, the company said.

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England Grim times for workers



A worker dressed as the Grim Reaper holds a protest placard outside the Total Lindsey refinery in Lincolnshire, England yesterday. French oil company Total said yesterday it was "actively encouraging" talks to try to resolve a dispute with 650 construction workers fired last week after they took unofficial strike action in protest against threatened redundancies on a project.

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Spat shows risk of doing business in Libya: Analysts

OIL A deepening confrontation between Libya and Canadian oil explorer Verenex is shedding light on the risk of doing business in the north African country as it emerges from years of sanctions, analysts say.

Investors will be watching the outcome of the dispute, which began after Libya said it would buy Verenex, blocking a rival bid from China National Petroleum Corp.

Libya is investigating allegations that Verenex was improperly qualified to bid for stakes in its oilfields in 2005, says a letter received by Verenex. The company says the allegation was without merit.

Verenex is only a small player in Libya alongside super-majors like BP Plc. and Exxon Mobil and a bevy of foreign state oil firms all keen for a slice of Africa's biggest proven oil reserves. But it is the only one to have made big finds in acreage opened up by licence tenders since the end of sanctions.

Analysts said establishment conservatives in Libya may be lobbying to ensure the country gets more from Verenex's success by buying the company for less than the value of its assets.

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Business in brief

BOMBARDIER Negotiations to avert a strike by about 2,750 workers at a Bombardier aircraft plant in Toronto continued past the deadline set by the Canadian Auto Workers, the union said yesterday. The main issues preventing a deal involve retiree benefits and the use of temporary workers.

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AUTO The United Auto Workers union is in ongoing talks with Ford Motor Co. aimed at ensuring the No. 2 U.S. automaker remains competitive with domestic rivals that have been reorganized with federal funding, a union official said yesterday.

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U.S. President Barack Obama plans to throw out his first pitch as president when he visits St. Louis next month. Obama will offer the ceremonial first pitch at the all-star game on July 14. Earlier this year he skipped traditional opening-day invites. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Sports



Babcock for Canada

Mike Babcock, left, will coach the Canadian men's hockey team at the 2010 Olympics in Vancouver according to numerous media reports. Columbus Blue Jackets coach Ken Hitchcock is expected to be on Babcock's staff. Babcock, 46, has a career coaching record of 282-139-71 in the NHL with 58 post-season victories. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Sports in brief

MAN-RAM Manny Ramirez suited up for the Albuquerque Isotopes last night as he began his rehab stint after serving a 50-game suspension for violating baseball's drug rules. The slugger is expected to rejoin the Los Angeles Dodgers July 3.

BANKRUPT Irish broadcaster Setanta Sports filed for bankruptcy protection yesterday, saying it will shortly cease broadcasting to customers in Britain after failing to make a number of payments to football organizations. ESPN announced Monday it would broadcast Premier League soccer in Britain.

HOCKEY Calgary Flames general manager Darryl Sutter has named his brother Brent the new head coach of the NHL club. The addition of Brent pushes the total number of Sutters in the Flames fold to five.

BASKETBALL The San Antonio Spurs acquired forward Richard Jefferson from the Milwaukee Bucks yesterday as part of a three-team deal with the Detroit Pistons also being involved. The Spurs sent guard Bruce Bowen and forward Kurt Thomas to the Bucks, and also dealt forward Fabricio Oberto to Detroit. The Pistons sent forward Amir Johnson to Milwaukee. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Stellar class of inductees

Steve Yzerman, Brett Hull and Luc Robitaille, who won a Stanley Cup together with the Detroit Red Wings in 2002, were reunited yesterday when they were voted into the Hall of Fame.

The 2009 class also included Brian Leetch, the first U.S.-born player to win the Conn Smythe Trophy as the Stanley Cup's Most Valuable Player, and New Jersey Devils president and general manager Lou Lamoriello.

The Red Wings trio will be led into the Hall by Yzerman, who spent his entire career in the Motor City. He guided Detroit to three Stanley Cups before retiring after 22 seasons as the sixth all-time leading scorer with 1,755 points.

Regarded as one of the best leaders to play in the NHL, Yzerman was the team's longest-serving captain (1986-2006).

He also won a Conn Smythe award and the Frank Selke Trophy as the top defensive forward.

Yzerman was a member of Canada's gold-medal winning side at the 2002



Former Detroit Red Wings teammates Steve Yzerman, left, and Brett Hull were named as part of the 2009 class of inductees to the Hockey Hall of Fame yesterday. They'll be inducted on Nov. 9 along with Luc Robitaille, Brian Leetch and Lou Lamoriello, who will be inducted as a builder.

Salt Lake City Olympics and now, as general manager, has the task of assembling his country's team for the 2010 Vancouver Winter Games.

Hull joins his father, Bobby (Golden Jet) Hull, in the Hall. They are the only

NHL father-son duo to record 600 goals and 1,000 points apiece.

Brett, like Bobby, was one of the league's most feared snipers, his total of 741 goals is third behind Wayne Gretzky (894) and Gordie Howe (801).

During a career that spanned 21 seasons, Brett also had stints with the Calgary Flames, St. Louis Blues, Dallas Stars and Phoenix Coyotes. He won two Stanley Cups and a Hart Trophy as NHL MVP.

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Spain taking no chances against surprising U.S.

SOCCER Spain coach Vicente Del Bosque should select his strongest team against surprise package the United States in the first Confederations Cup semi-final today.

Del Bosque will call up Iker Casillas in goal with Xabi Alonso and Xavi returning to the midfield and Fernando Torres and David Villa up front.

The European champions will look to extend their unbeaten run to an all-time FIFA recognised record of 36 matches — along with a world-record extending 15th straight victory.

The unfancied Americans pulled themselves back from the exit door with a 3-0 win over Egypt, which together with Brazil's 3-0 defeat of Italy put the U.S. into the semis.

Spain had expected to play Italy but, although the world champions were eliminated, they are staying totally focused on the job in hand.

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Three years for bike theft

A California man will be sentenced to three years in prison for stealing Lance Armstrong's \$10,000 bicycle, which he later sold for \$200. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Murray keeps British fans happy

The now familiar tide of Murray-mania swept across Wimbledon yesterday as Andy Murray began his bid to end Britain's 73-year wait for a men's singles champion in glorious sunshine at the All England Club.

The world No. 3 appeared to have taken a leaf out of former local favourite Tim Henman's Wimbledon manual as he teased, tortured and finally thrilled the expectant crowd with a 7-5 6-7 6-3 6-4 first round win over Robert Kendrick. Kendrick had talked up his chances of gatecrashing the British party by declaring: "I'd love to disappoint a nation."

Luckily for the fans the

American, who entertained the crowd with his acrobatic antics, dived out with a forehand error.

Venus Williams performed her duties as champion with the minimum of fuss to stride into the second round with a 6-3 6-2 win over Switzerland's Stefanie Voegelé.

Williams, described by American great Martina Navratilova as having "the wingspan of a 747", used her long limbs to great effect to easily fly past Wimbledon debutante Voegelé.

Marat Safin lost his chance to ever win the men's title when he waved goodbye to Wimbledon. His 10th and final appearance

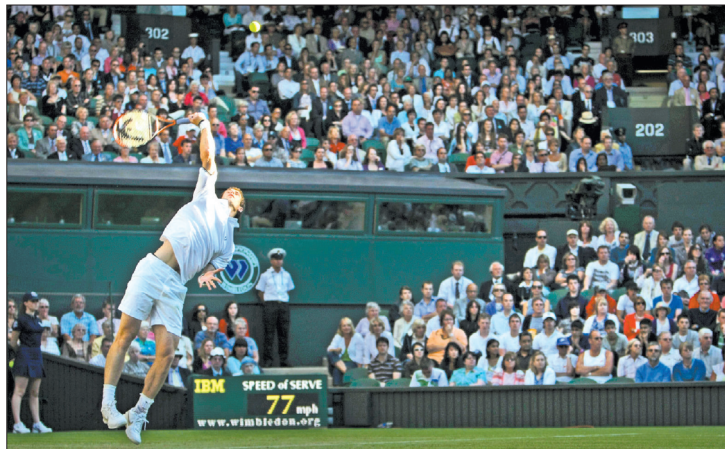
ended in a 6-2 3-6 7-6 6-4 defeat by obscure American Jesse Levine.

His sister Dinara Safina's prospects of living up to her world number one status did not look too promising. Suffering from tendinitis in her knee, she played through the pain barrier to beat Spain's Lourdes Dominguez Lino 7-5 6-3.

French Open champion Svetlana Kuznetsova overcame Japan's Akiko Morigami 6-3 7-6.

Andy Roddick showed few ill-effects from the ankle sprain he suffered 10 days ago at Queen's Club and blasted 21 aces en route to downing Frenchman Jeremy Chardy 6-3 7-6 4-6 6-3.

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Andy Murray of Britain serves to Robert Kendrick during their match at the Wimbledon tennis championships yesterday.

Patience is a virtue at NHL draft table

The Hockey News

Ryan Kennedy

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Ever wonder why the New Jersey Devils have missed the playoffs just once since 1990, winning three Stanley Cups in the process? It's not just the system they play; it's also the hockey smarts of the organiza-

tion's brain trust.

Despite the fact the Devils haven't had a top-15 draft selection since 1996 (where, ironically, they whiffed on Lance Ward with the No. 10 pick), the team has graduated several awesome talents lately, led by dynamic linemates Zach Parise and Travis Zajac.

New Jersey famously traded up from No. 22 to No. 17 in 2003 to nab Parise, leaving the Isles and Rangers to explain to their fan bases why they took Robert Nilsson and Hugh Jessiman, respectively, before the recently minted

94-point man.

Zajac, coming out of Jr. A Salmon Arm in B.C., was subjected to scrutiny because of his peers — scouts wished they could have seen him play against major junior competition.

Similarly, David Perron was knocked for his lack of size when he was coming out of Lewiston of the Quebec League in 2007. Of course, that didn't bother the St. Louis Blues, who took Perron 26th overall, then watched the speedy youngster make the team in his draft year.

In hindsight, there will

always be examples of draft day flubs and steals that we will look back on with incredulity. But in every draft class, whether it be a juicy crop such as last year's, or the horrific talent drought of 1999, patience is the key to a successful team.

Though NHL teams are nearly unanimous in their claims of following the "best player available" philosophy, that assessment is very much in the eye of the beholder. Just look at the Parise situation: Depending on your preferences, the hot young Devil would

only rank behind all or most of a group consisting of Marc-Andre Fleury, Eric Staal, Ryan Getzlaf, Shea Weber, Mike Richards, Corey Perry and Dion Phaneuf from his draft class. That puts Parise as the No. 8 selection — assuming you don't prefer Jeff Carter — instead of 17th overall.

Which is why the draft is always so exciting — did a GM just mess up big-time, or does he know something the rest of us don't?

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Sports in brief

CONFED CUP FIFA is giving away free tickets for the Confederations Cup semifinal between Spain and the United States. The governing body of world soccer said yesterday there were about 6,000 tickets still on sale for today's match at the 38,000-seat stadium in South Africa.

FOOTBALL Dallas Cowboys linemen Leonard Davis, Marc Colombo and Cory Procter have signed a recording contract as part of a heavy metal band called Free Reign. Their debut album will be released this fall.

BASEBALL The Cleveland Indians activated all-star centre-fielder Grady Sizemore from the disabled list yesterday. Sizemore had been out since May 31.

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Sports in brief

BASEBALL The Tampa Bay Rays will be the first Major League Baseball team to open a training camp in Brazil, team vice-president Gerry Hunsicker said yesterday at a news conference.

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Tacoma: The friend magnet

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In his groundbreaking bestseller *How to Win Friends and Influence People*, Dale Carnegie omitted one key piece of advice: Buy a pickup truck.

Sure, it's important to smile, remember a person's name and be a good listener, but let it slip to friends and neighbours you just bought a pickup truck, and you'll never have to buy another six-pack of beer.

Sure there are alternative modes of transport, but do you really want to strap a load of two-by-fours on to the roof of your \$60,000 SUV? How about sliding a pile of interlock and concrete slabs into the



Big and surefooted, the Tacoma 4x4 V6 Double Cab is equally at home taking passengers around town, on the job site and off-road.

back of your plush, carpet-lined minivan?

My tester for the week — the 2009 Toyota Tacoma 4x4 Double Cab — came in metallic grey with TRD

(Toyota Racing Development) badging on the sides.

I have always found the Tacoma to be a handsome truck. Unlike many "compact" pickups, it does have a

presence, and with its big P265/65R mud & snow tires on 17-inch alloys, not to mention the optional hood scoop, the Tacoma looked every bit the serious off-roader. Not that I was headed for the bush anytime soon.

And at nearly 19 feet long and only about eight inches shorter than a full-size Chevrolet Silverado 1500 4x4 Crew Cab, I'm not sure if "compact" fairly describes the Tacoma.

I won't say the Tacoma is as spacious in back as a full-size sedan, but there's reasonable room for two adults, three in a pinch.

The Tacoma is available in eight models, starting with the 4x2, four cylinder



Easy-to-use controls and metallic accents are among the many features that give the Tacoma a very car-like interior.

Access Cab to the 4x4 V6-powered Double Cab. There's even a 4x2 "tuner"-styled truck called the X-Runner, that sits low to the ground and is powered by the same V6 with a six-speed manual.

Up front, the Double Cab is outfitted with sedan-like comforts and amenities. The optional sport seats are comfortable and well-bolstered, and provide a driver's seat lumbar adjustment. The optional leather-wrapped steering wheel includes audio controls for the in-dash six-disc CD changer, part of the TRD Sport Package.

With the automatic, the SR5 Power Package bumps the Tacoma to \$33,300 and adds 16-inch alloys with wheels locks, sliding rear window, cruise control, chrome grille and rear bumper, dual vanity mirrors, auto-dimming rear

2009 Toyota Tacoma Double Cab

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Highlights

- Sedan-like comforts and amenities
- Off-roading capabilities

view mirror with integrated backup camera, keyless entry and more.

I didn't get a chance this time to take the Tacoma off-road, but our streets and highways offered no shortage of potholes and heaved pavement to test the suspension.

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Lexus adds HUD tech to windshield

TECHNOLOGY Lexus has targeted an advanced, yet user-friendly, design for the cockpit of the new RX 450h with a focus on making key vehicle data and controls easy to access with minimum driver distraction. A key element in Lexus' innovative approach is the new Head-Up Display (HUD), which projects essential information on to the base of the windshield, within the driver's field of vision. Using technology that was originally developed for use in fighter jets, HUD presents vehicle speed, navigation instructions, audio information and warnings.

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Peer-grades ruled against

An Ontario court has upheld a previous ruling that found that University of Toronto psychology professor Steve Joordens' use of a peer-marking system violated the collective agreement for the university's teaching assistants and sessional instructors. The union representing these instructors filed a grievance against uToronto when it found out about the software with which students would grade and comment on each other's work. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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One dentist says that one of the best parts of the job as opposed to a medical doctor, is you do not have to do a residency, will never be on call 24-hours a day and can work a consistent schedule.

Dentistry: Smiles aren't easy

Tooth focus allows for convenient schedule, but it's not often people will like you

Head to Toe

MAT LECOMPTE
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There are three absolute truths about dentists:

- They can make a good living;
- They have a regular schedule compared to their medical counterparts;
- They really have to work hard to make sure people like them.

After all, with the drilling, discomfort and the fingers-in-mouth they so generously provide, it's easy to see why Walt Disney didn't pick one for face

of the franchise.

"No one wants to go to a grumpy dentist," says Dr. Jasmin Fitch of Stouffville, Ont. "A lot of it is about making sure the patients are happy and comfortable. You have to be a people person."

Fitch, 26, has been working up in Kirkland Lake, Ont., for the past 11 months upon graduating from the University of Toronto's Faculty of Dentistry. She admits that most of her patients may not necessarily like what she does, but she takes the necessary steps to ensure they like her.

"You want to make it a memorable, fun experience for them and not just about the work itself," she says.

"It's important to take their minds off the work I'm doing."

Whether she's got a five-year-old in the chair for a check-up or a 55-year-old saddled up for a root canal, her approach is the same — find some common ground, be fun and have a good time (or as good a time as possible). She finds staying current with TV shows ranging from Dora the Explorer to American Idol help this, as does randomly breaking in to an impromptu radio sing-along. After all, she wants to make sure she has an enjoyable day, as well.

With a child of her own due in mid-summer, she also appreciates the schedule dentistry allows her. A self-

admitted "Monday to Friday, nine-to-five kind of girl," she likes the way she can book appointments during the weekdays and leave her work at the office in the evening. For someone considering a career in health sciences, this is an important consideration.

Fitch points out that as opposed to a medical doctor, she did not have to do a residency, will never be on call 24-hours a day and can work a consistent schedule. It was these lifestyle factors that greatly helped when choosing which avenue she wanted to pursue in the life sciences.

Set to return from Kirkland Lake in early June, Fitch is excited about getting her career rolling in

the GTA. She feels she now has the experience under her belt to enter a more competitive market. In fact, the reason she went all the way up to Kirkland Lake was "to get the most experience as possible in the shortest amount of time."

Working at the only clinic in hundreds of kilometres, she was able to book patients to fill her days months in advance. With the concentration of dentists in Toronto, she says, the same opportunities for young dentists simply don't exist.

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Canadian employers have historically taken an ignorant view of human rights tribunals and their often remarkable decisions. But

that may be about to change. Because of sweeping changes to human rights legislation and left-leaning adjudicators directed to interpret remedial legislation, such as employ-

ment standards and human rights laws, in a broad and inclusive manner, employers should not be so unconcerned. Here is one case that illustrates this.

Michele Schmor's legal odyssey began with a seasonal job working in retail for Stonechurch Vineyards, a Niagara-on-the-Lake winery. Soon after returning from a vacation, she was asked by a co-worker, Lisa Edlington, if she had sunbathed topless. When Schmor said that she did, but only in private places, according to Schmor, shortly after, Edlington suggested that she climb the pole in front of the store and "slide down it like a stripper."

Schmor did not express her concerns to Edlington or mention the matter to anyone in management. Instead, she complained to several other employees, one of whom reported the incidents to the company.

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Shortly after learning that Schmor was uncomfortable with Edlington's remarks, Stonechurch stopped scheduling her shifts and was told she would not be called back for the summer.

Schmor complained to the Ontario Human Rights Tribunal that she had been sexually harassed and then fired in reprisal. The tribunal found that Edlington's comments were not sexual harassment, but ruled she was fired in reprisal for having complained.

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'It's really a knockout, you know?'

Seeing New York City through the eyes of Woody Allen

RICHARD CROUSE
for Metro Canada



Long before I saw the Statue of Liberty in person I felt like a New Yorker. Woody Allen's romantic, idealized movies set in the Big Apple planted the seed of love for the city.

His latest film, *Whatever Works*, is the first of Allen's films to be set in Manhattan in four years, and you get the sense he's glad to be home. It's his love letter to the city, showcasing New York-onlys like Chinatown's fish markets and the Yonah Schimmel Knishery (137 E. Houston St. near 1st Ave., 212-477-2858).

The movie will make you want to jump on a NYC-bound plane, which is exactly what I did.

There are no official Woody Allen tours of Manhattan, so I created my own daytrip to see Allen's New York. With a good pair of runners, a map, a Metrocard (1-Day Fun Pass for \$7.50 US) and some determination this tour will take about six hours.

The first stop serves a double purpose. The Dean & DeLuca Café (560 Broadway at Prince St. in SoHo, 212-226-6800) is the perfect place to fuel up on coffee to get the day started — it's also where Mia Farrow has lunch with the newly-single Judy Davis in *Husbands and Wives*.

Now that you're in a caffeinated, New York state of mind, exit Soho for the funkier Greenwich Village.



Left, Woody Allen and Diane Keaton in classic scene from the 1979 movie *Manhattan*. Left, Evan Rachel Wood and Larry David in a scene from Allen's *Whatever Works*.

You'll pass the former home of The Bleecker Street Cinema (144 Bleecker St.) — where Allen's character takes his niece to see movies that will improve her mind in *Crimes and Misdemeanors* — on your way to his favourite pizza joint, John's Pizzeria (278 Bleecker St., 212-243-1680). John's is where Allen and his much younger girlfriend have the "in six months you'll be a completely different person" conversation in 1979's *Manhattan*.

Moving north to midtown: The Carnegie Deli (854 Seventh Ave. between 54th and 55th streets, 212-757-9889) is virtually unchanged since Woody shot much of Broadway Danny Rose here in 1984.

Take time to check out the autographed pictures of celebrities who have eat-

en there, and if you have the appetite of three people, order The Woody Allen — "Lotsa corned beef plus lotsa pastrami; for the dedicated fresser only!" says the menu, and it's not kidding. There's a pound of meat between two slices of rye.

Walk off the sandwich at the location of one of Allen's most iconic New York images. The poster for *Manhattan* showing Woody and Diane Keaton sitting in silhouette on a bench was shot at Riverview Terrace on Sutton Square, just beneath the 59th Street Bridge.

It looks a little different than it did in 1979. The bench is gone (stolen by Woody fans perhaps?) and the landscape is a little different but the view is still spectacular.

You've seen the movies and the sights, now (if

you're lucky) catch a glimpse of the Woodman at Elaine's (1703 Second Ave. between E. 88th and E. 89th St., 212-534-8103). It's the site of one of Allen's most famous one-liners: In *Manhattan*, he's at Elaine's complaining about the difficulties of seeing a 17-year-old. "I'm dating a girl who does homework," he says.

Off-screen, it's one of his favourite restaurants, too. It was there that Mia Farrow asked Michael Caine to introduce her to Woody, thus beginning their long and tumultuous affair. Soak in that atmosphere for the price of an entrée.

By the tour's end you'll see why Isaac Davis, Woody Allen's character in *Manhattan*, famously said, "This is really a great city. I don't care what anybody says, it's really a knockout, you know?"



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Cameron Diaz has been given a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. The My Sister's Keeper actress celebrated the honour with friends Lucy Liu, Tom Cruise, Katie Holmes, Nick Cassavetes and Danny Boyle yesterday. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Entertainment

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Price of Beauty

Starting in July, Jessica Simpson will travel the globe talking to everyday women about the lengths they go for beauty for a new VH1 docu-series called *The Price of Beauty*. PEOPLE.COM

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Disappointing return

Visually spectacular Transformers sequel exhausting to watch

Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen

Director: Michael Bay

Stars: Shia LaBeouf, Megan Fox

Classification: 14A

Rating: ●

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Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen hits theatres today.

REVIEW Michael Bay's sequel to his 2007 international mega-hit Transformers is massive, loud and unrelenting. As a film, it's exhausting to watch, with every square inch of screen filled with over-saturated colour and a soundtrack clanging, scraping and rumbling nonstop.

In its defense, the visual effects appear to be spectacular, but Bay can't seem to let the camera rest for a second, making the scenes of giant alien robots doing battle confusing and hard to follow. Even in a simple, supposedly touching scene of dialogue between our hero Sam (Shia LaBeouf) and his girlfriend (Megan Fox), Bay's camera won't stop circling around them at a distracting pace.

Much like the first film, *Revenge of the Fallen* suffers from trying to stuff in too much of everything —

too many Transformers (especially the similar-looking Decepticons), too many humans with too many subplots, too many attempts at humour — pushing it to an undeserved two-hour-plus running time.

The dialogue in the film breaks down into three categories: Yelling and shouting, summarizing the plot, or broad, sometimes offensive attempts at humour. In a story where the humans basically tag along with giant robots and try not to get killed, apparently everyone gets

to be the comic relief.

And the film's humour — besides all the references to testicles — tends too often to veer off into the patently offensive, embodied more than anywhere else in a pair of Autobots who shuck and jive their way into a gold-toothed, illiterate robot rendition of Amos and Andy.

That anyone involved with the production thought it would be OK is remarkable. The performances make Jar Jar Binks of *Star Wars: Episode I* seem

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classy and sophisticated in retrospect.

What's most surprising — and disappointing — about this new Transformers is not that it came from Michael Bay, but that it came from the same screenwriters who brought us this summer's earlier *Star Trek*. We know what they're capable of, and that just makes it that much more disappointing. • *Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen* photos, a trailer and screen times, or to buy tickets, visit metronews.ca/movies.

Rebecca Wyse kicked off Runway

BRIAN COULTON
for Metro Toronto

She's got the look. But when you see her in action, Rebecca Wyse doesn't appear to fit the model mould.

"I am a big person who stamps around at random times and watches the original series of *Star Trek* all in one go because I'm just that kind of a person," said the 19-year-old from Cambridge, Ont.

Despite her regular exhibition of quirks and personality while competing on the third cycle of Canada's *Next Top Model*, the show's judges criticized the newly bleached-blonde, Twiggy-cut competitor for not being herself in photo shoot challenges, leading to Wyse being the latest model kicked off the show.

Her struggles started early in last night's episode, when judge and Fashion Television hostess Jeanne Beker primed the remaining six women to face the media; one required task of being a top model. Then, she took them to a Toronto Fashion Week party to test their interviewing prowess.

While Wyse received generally positive reviews for her performance, she said she lacked confidence when thinking of responses. "The media is kind of terrifying," she said with a laugh. "I felt that I was always thinking in

the back of my mind. 'Don't say anything stupid. Don't say anything stupid. They're probably going to take it the wrong way.'"

Her anxiety continued through the week's photo challenge, when she was paired up with fellow contender, Calgary's Nikita Kiceluk. The women had to pose together with background models, while both showcasing a mobile phone.

The brightest of the bunch was Meaghan DeWarrang-Waller of Winnipeg. She won the challenge, finally separating herself from Heather Delaney of Halifax, to whom she was oft compared by photographers and judges.

It was no surprise to Wyse, however, to be kicked off the show for her performance in the challenge. "I was disappointed in myself for only making it half way," she said, "but I was also really proud of myself for making it half way."



Rebecca Wyse was kicked off Canada's *Next Top Model*.

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Sassy mom

Judy Reyes, who stars as the sassy nurse Carla on TV's *Scrubs*, is expecting her first child with her boyfriend, director George Valencia. PEOPLE.COM



Beloved sidekick dies

Ed McMahon, a fixture on U.S. late-night television for 30 years as the full-throated announcer and sidekick for Johnny Carson on NBC's *The Tonight Show*, died yesterday at age 86, his spokesman said.

The veteran TV personality, best known for his nightly introduction of Carson in a deep, booming voice with the drawn-out line, "Heeeeeeeeee Johnny!" died at a Los Angeles-area hospital, spokesman Howard Bragman said.

"He died early this morning with his wife and loved ones by his side," Bragman said.

McMahon had been battling pneumonia and other illnesses. Bragman declined to confirm or deny reports that the performer had been diagnosed with bone cancer.

Outgoing, affable and possessing a robust, baritone voice, McMahon began his career with stints as a bingo caller, carnival barker and boardwalk pitchman before becoming a broadcast announcer and TV host.

Trained as a U.S. Marine fighter pilot during World War II, he flew missions in Korea in the 1950s.

He went on to become one of the most celebrated sidekicks in TV history as Carson's right-hand man on *The Tonight Show* starting in 1962, stopping in 1992 when Carson retired as host.

The gregarious McMahon, a frequent comic foil for the Carson during ad-libbed banter at the top of the show, was familiar even off camera for his "Hi-oooooh!" and frequent guffaws at Carson's monologue jokes, especially when a punch line fell flat.

Carson died in January 2005 at age 79.

McMahon's signature introduction of Carson endured as a catchphrase. Jack Nicholson's maniacal character in the 1980 movie thriller *The Shining* announced "Heeeeeeeeee Johnny!" as he burst through a door to menace his wife with an ax.

McMahon was a leading figure on several other television shows, including the syndicated talent show



Ed McMahon — shown here at the 60th Primetime Emmy Awards in September 2008 — died yesterday at age 86.

Star Search, which helped launch the careers of a number of well-known performers, including comedian Dennis Miller.

The long-time co-host of Jerry Lewis' annual telethon benefiting the Muscular Dystrophy Association, McMahon also became well-known as the presenter of the American Family Publishing sweepstakes prize and as a pitchman on numerous TV commercials.

McMahon made headlines a year ago when he defaulted on a \$4.8 million mortgage on his six-bed-

room Beverly Hills mansion, although he later found a buyer for the house to avoid foreclosure.

The television star blamed his financial woes on having broken his neck about 18 months earlier, leaving him unable to work. He also sued Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, accusing the hospital of failing to diagnose the neck fracture and botching two subsequent operations.

He was later sued for not paying a lawyer he hired for his daughter in an unrelated matter.

REUTERS

Philanthropist pilot shows gritty promise

PILOT "I am so not the heroic type," billionaire Teddy Rist says. "Reckless, yes; Superman, hardly."

If that were true, NBC's new scripted series *The Philanthropist*, premiering Wednesday at 10 p.m. EDT/PDT, would be a short one indeed.

Instead, aforementioned wealthy guy Rist is in crisis (he lost his young son a year ago), and after the fortuitous rescue of an African child, his world view is upended.

Suddenly, he's going to do more than tithe his company's riches to needy charities — he's going to get involved. That initial effort, to bring vaccines to a small Nigerian village, is met with resistance from all sides.

Philanthropist's role in today's anti-big business zeitgeist already has been questioned; it was bought for NBC pre-WGA strike. But creators Charlie Corwin, Tom Fontana and Jim Juvonen take this high-concept premise and lend it layers of thought and intrigue.

REUTERS

"Deep inside Philanthropist is a smart, earnest yet realistic series waiting to be told."

Amid the flashbacks, jump cuts and focus shifts, a stylish and gritty story emerges. Star James Purefoy might be yet another Brit rogue on Yank soil, but his awakening is heartfelt and believable.

Harder to swallow are the gray areas — Rist's African awakening conjures tired tropes of white man's guilt and the "magical Negro," both of which go unaddressed. If the series plans on being taken as more than just another action serial, it's going to have to plumb his motivations more deeply.

For now, this is a well-made thrill ride of a start. Deep inside *Philanthropist* is a smart, earnest yet realistic series waiting to be told, and the pilot makes an intriguing beginning.

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ER producer as WGA president?

LEADERSHIP ER executive producer John Wells wants to apply some first aid to the Writers Guild of America. Wells is running again for the presidency of the WGA's West Coast arm, the union said Monday.

Wells is running this time against current secretary-treasurer Elias Davis.

Apatow's crew hit Just for Laughs

PREVIEW Writer-director Judd Apatow's *Funny People* will headline the Just for Laughs film festival in Montreal next month. Co-stars Aziz Ansari and Aubrey Plaza will both be on hand for the July 25 sneak preview of the comedy-drama before it hits theaters on July 31.

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Kenya's Style

Kenya Hunt

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	9	EDACC	267 351	Alberta Primetime (Live)		Questions for President		Old Christine	Gary Unmarr	America's Got Talent (N)		Primetime
	14	YTV	552 543	Drake & Josh	iCarly	In Real Life		Malcolm-Mid.	Futurama	Survive This	Adrenaline Proj	Falcon Beach
	17	TREE	553 546	Little Bear	Bucket-Dinos	Comfy Couch	Big & Small	Max & Ruby	Babar	Backyardigans	Ni Hao, Kai-Jan	Go, Diego, Go!
	42	TOON	555 545	Ben 10	Johnny Test	Total Drama	Total Drama	6TEEN	6TEEN	Futurama	American Dad	Robot Chicken
	45	FAM	557 541	Zoe 101	Life Derek	Wizards-Place	Han, Montana	Zack & Cody	Latest Buzz	Wizards-Place	Life Derek	Ned's School
	-	TVA	121 714	TVA 18 heures	Suba-salé	Poule-oufs or	Hope & Faith	La Vie secrète des gens heureux (2006, Com. dramatique)				TVA 22 heures
	-	CMT	575 583	Reba	Reba	Hope & Faith	Hope & Faith	Karaoke Star Junior		Home Improve.	Home Improve.	Reba
	25	A&E	615 520	Dog the Bounty Hunter		Tattoo High.	Tattoo High.	Tattoo High.	Tattoo High.	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter
	26	MMM	571 581	The Daily Fix		Entourage	I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out.	Ranked!		Gene Simmons	Entourage	Entourage
	29	FOOD	603 561	Iron Chef America		Dear Food Network		The Wild Chef	The Wild Chef	The Wild Chef	The Wild Chef	The Wild Chef
	31	SHOW	617 522	Trailer Park	Trailer Park	The Outer Limits		The Guard (HDTV)		Abducted (2007, Drama) Sarah Wynter		Treasure
	32	DISC	520 505	Deadliest Catch		Mayday "Ghost Plane"		Daily Planet		Mayday "Ghost Plane"		Treasure
	33	SLICE	601 562	End of Leash	End of Leash	End of Leash	End of Leash	ET Canada	Til Debt-Part	Real Housewives NYC		Trading Sp
	34	W	602 567	Style by Jury	Style by Jury	Clean	Friends	Grocery	W Expert	Love It or List It		Save Us-House
	35	TLC	521 560	Mystery Diagnosis		My First Home	My First Home	Obese and Pregnant		Mystery Diagnosis		My First Home
	36	BRAVO	620 523	Wingfield	Wingfield	Death at-Opera	Broadway	Law & Order		Without a Trace		Beautiful Ppl
	38	SPIKE	628 584	UFC Fight Night				4th and Long (HDTV)		CSI: NY "Oedipus Hex"		Animals Attack
	40	HIST	522 506	Ice Road Truckers		NCIS "Light Sleeper"		Sea Hunters		Ice Road Truckers		Sandhogs
	41	COM	626 547	Laughs	Comedy Now	Air Force	Just for Laughs	Corner Gas		The Simpsons	South Park	Jon Dore Show
	43	SPACE	627 528	Primeval (N)		Stormworld (N)	Grand Star	Stargate SG-1		Star Trek: Next Gener.		Trek: Voyager
	44	WPCH	294 560	MLB Baseball		Home Videos	Seinfeld	Family Guy	Family Guy	Varsity Blues ** (1999, Comedy-Drama)		Bounty Hunter
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	48	TROP	619 525	North of 60 "Partners"		The Crow: Stairway to Heaven		What Happen?	What Happen?	Seinfeld	Raymond	Family Guy
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	93	VISION	261 364	Doc Martin		Driven-Vision	Supernatural	Pottergeist: The Legacy		Kid Galahad ** (1962, Musical)		Real World
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	103	VIVA	526 507	The Closer "Mom Duty"		Mediums	Le National	Mediums	Encounters	Judging Amy		Medium
	106	RDI	126 730	Le Téléjournal	RDI en direct	Le Téléjournal		Le Téléjournal	Tout	24 Heures en 60 minutes		Le Téléjournal
	161	SUPER		City Homicide (HDTV) (N)		Party Down	Head Case	Whitest Kids	The Lucky Ones ** (2008, Drama) Rachel McAdams.			

critics'corner

The Philanthropist

James Purefoy ("Rome") stars in this new drama series as billionaire playboy Teddy Rist, whose life is changed irrevocably after he rescues a boy during a hurricane. Buoyed by the experience, Teddy resolves to channel his power, passion and money into helping those in need, while exorcising his own demons in the process. Jesse L. Martin ("Law & Order") and Neve Campbell also star. 8 PM on CTV



Dragon's Den

Remember the "Urban Sombrero" that Elaine designed for her employer's catalog on "Seinfeld"? In this encore of the third-season premiere, we meet the creator of the Canadian Sombrero, who's looking for a vote of confidence and an infusion of cash to put it into production. The panelists also hear a pitch for a software program for teachers and find themselves torn when they love one applicant's pitch but don't care for the product. 8 PM on CBX



Angelina Jolie's dad sees the similarities between his daughter and Megan Fox, usmagazine.com reports. "Well, they are both very beautiful women, and they are both sexy gals, you know," Jon Voight said. "And they're both in action pictures now." **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Things dads shouldn't say

Celebrity Buzz

Amy's surrogate 'mummy'

ALTERNATE LIFE Amy Winehouse is calling a pub owner "mummy," femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The troubled singer — whose alcohol-fuelled antics have caused concern for her parents while she is staying in St. Lucia — has grown close to a woman named Marjorie who runs her favourite bar on the island, and now thinks of her as family.

A source told Britain's

The Sun newspaper: "She bounds into her local, Marjorie's Beach Bar, shouting, 'Mummy! Mummy!' on a daily basis."

"She's not only close to Marjorie but also her sons. She'll spend hours in there with them."

Winehouse's parents — who divorced when the 25-year-

old singer was young — recently released pictures of their drunken daughter slumped over while playing the drums.

They have also spoken out about her problems, saying her alcohol addiction is "killing" them.

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Kabbalah vacay for Madge clan

FALL GETAWAY Madonna is taking her newly adopted daughter Mercy on holiday, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer — a devout follower of the mystical Jewish faith Kabbalah — wants to take the four-year-old, and her other adopted son David, to see the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem.

The trip will happen in September to coincide

with Madonna's final date of her Sticky and Sweet tour in Tel Aviv, Israel.

A source told Britain's The Sun newspaper:

"Madonna wants to give Mercy enough time to settle into her new home. By September she feels she will be ready to take the trip without the danger of upheaval."

"The Wailing Wall is a very sacred place for anyone with links to the Jewish faith and she wants the children to see it."

Mercy flew from her home country of Malawi to London to start a new life with the 50-year-old singer on Saturday.

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GLAAD rips into Perez

THE OTHER F-WORD During a heated confrontation with Black Eyed Peas star Will.i.am over the weekend, gossip blogger Perez Hilton decided to call him the "worst possible thing that thug would ever want to hear," popeater.com reports.

Unfortunately for him, that "thing" was an anti-gay slur, and that move has an-

gered a powerful gay rights group that is now calling for an apology from the self-dubbed Queen of All Media.

GLAAD was responding to a video posted by the blogger, whose real name is Mario Lavandeira, in which he relayed his version of a much-discussed altercation with Will.i.am and his entourage.

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Elisabeth served with suit

UNDER FIRE More drama for Elisabeth Hasselbeck, usmagazine.com reports. The View co-host — who sparks controversy for her conservative opinions — is being sued by an author who claims Hasselbeck, 32, stole her book idea.

Self-published author

Susan Hassett states in a federal lawsuit filed in Boston that Hasselbeck infringed on her copyrights by publishing a book on celiac disease called The Gluten-Free Diet: A Gluten-Free Survival Guide last

month, the Boston Herald reports.

Publicists for ABC and Hasselbeck's publisher, Hachette Book Group, could not be reached for comment by the Herald.

Hasselbeck — who is pregnant with her third child — recently announced she suffers from celiac disease, which damages the small intestine and interferes with nutrient absorption.

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No more Speidi, E! viewers beg

ENOUGH E! News is banning any further updates on Heidi and Spencer Pratt.

The channel's site ran a poll recently asking readers if they'd had enough of the couple, and a whopping 94 per cent said yes, so the editors have vowed to ignore the reality stars from now on.

"Barring any actual news (e.g., she gets knocked up, he falls off a cliff or — heaven help us — her album goes to No. 1), consider this their very last post," they said in a blog post.

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It's a girl, and another girl, for SJP

SURROGATE BIRTH It's double the joy for Sarah Jessica Parker and Matthew Broderick, who have welcomed twin girls, according to several local news outlets in Ohio, people.com reports.

A spokesperson for East Ohio Regional Hospital had no comment, but told People "everything's good." Reps for the couple could not be reached for comment.

"More 'fabulous girls' are joining our SATC family," Sex and the City co-star Kim Cattrall said yesterday.

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TRANSFORMERS
REVENGE OF THE FALLEN

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DREAMWORKS PICTURES

PG NOT RECOMMENDED FOR YOUNG CHILDREN. VIOLENCE, CRUDE CONTENT

TransformersMovie.com

Bikinis are popular in Dubai, Paris says

WELL, DUH There have been a lot of concerns surrounding Paris Hilton as she films her latest reality show in Dubai, especially after she was photographed recently at the beach in a bikini, something it was assumed local officials wouldn't be thrilled about. But Hilton was quick to take to her Twitter account to set the record straight.

"One of my friends just

called me from back home and asked if I got in trouble for wearing a bikini at the beach here," she wrote. "Everyone at the beach and pool was wearing swimsuits or bikinis. What do you expect people to wear? It's over 100 degrees out here."

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Farrah hospitalized again

POOR HEALTH In her continued battle with cancer, Farrah Fawcett has again returned to a Los Angeles hospital, a source tells People magazine. The actress has been hospitalized for at least two weeks.

The source indicates that the actress, who was first diagnosed with anal cancer in 2006, is not doing well.

"There was a moment last week when she was supposed to be released and was going home but things changed," said the source.

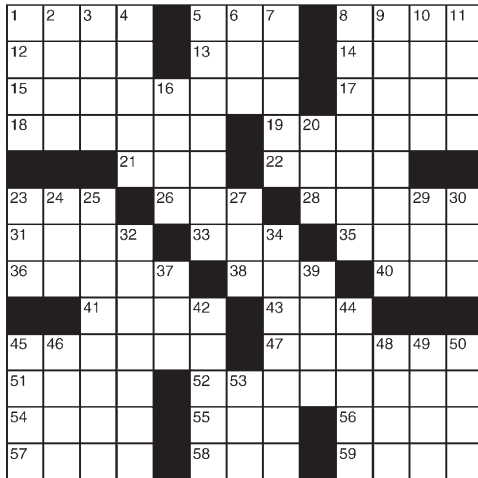
Fawcett's publicist Arnold Robinson said, "She is still being treated for her condition."

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Michele McDougall, Weather Specialist & Host - Breakfast Television
 "My favourite part is reporting the weather. It fascinates me, and as we know around here, it's always changing, keeping forecasters on their toes!" **WEEKDAYS AT 6 A.M.**



Crossword across

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| 1 Catchall abbr. | 35 Benefit |
| 5 Felon's flight | 36 Extraterrestrial |
| 8 Basilica section | 38 Encountered |
| 12 Initial chip | 40 Obtain |
| 13 Actress Larter | 41 Manicure site |
| 14 Converse | 43 23-Across' place, often |
| 15 Rogue | 45 Pamper |
| 17 Undecided | 47 See 34-Down |
| 18 Piercing | 51 Shrek is one |
| 19 Anatomical rupture | 52 Potpourri |
| 21 Copper head? | 54 Winged |
| 22 Genealogy chart | 55 Rhyming honour |
| 23 Relative of a peke | 56 Additionally |
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| 28 TV's Gomez Addams | 58 Head movement |
| 31 Use a rotary phone | 59 Not so much |
| 33 Round Table address | |

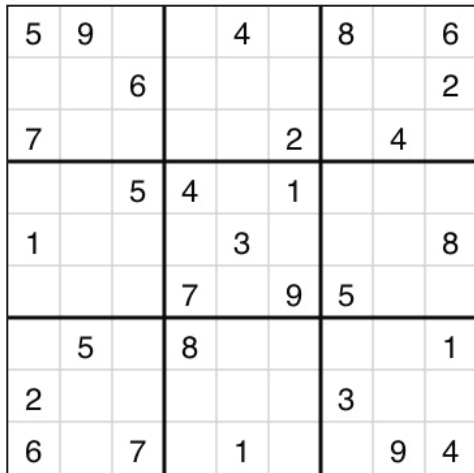
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| 1 Church service | 25 Principal street |
| 2 Part of the foot? | 27 That guy |
| 3 Celebrity | 29 Mamie's man |
| 4 "As You Like It" role | 30 Trawler need |
| 5 Anarchic | 32 Guides |
| 6 Chicken-king link | 34 Calm |
| 7 Has potential | 37 Zero |
| 8 Ingenue, e.g. | 39 London gallery |
| 9 Repeated attempts to contact | 42 Lousy car |
| 10 Ganges garment | 44 Bicycle part |
| 11 Sicilian volcano | 45 Brat's stocking stuffer |
| 16 Goya's "Duchess of —" | 46 Look lasciviously |
| 20 Historic time | 48 Competent |
| 23 Palm Pilot, e.g. | 49 Back talk |
| 24 Lubricate | 50 Ids' counterparts |
| | 53 Altar affirmative |

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

MAYO	ALLA	BABA	8	2	4	6	1	9	5	3	7
ORAL	VET	AFAR	3	6	9	7	5	8	1	2	4
WILD	FOWL	TRIG	5	7	1	3	4	2	9	6	8
NAE	RID	PHOTO	9	1	3	8	2	6	4	7	5
BID	JET		6	5	8	4	3	7	2	9	1
VADUZ	WONOVER		7	4	2	1	9	5	6	8	3
AHOY	CAT	WEVE	4	9	6	5	8	3	7	1	2
LAZARUS	HEXED		2	3	5	9	7	1	8	4	6
VIP	TIL		1	8	7	2	6	4	3	5	9
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ANEW	NIGHTOWL										
NODE	ASH	URAL									
ENOL	BET	BEGS									

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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:

Under 13 min	Genius	17-21 min	Smart
13-17 min	Scholar	21-25 min	Not bad
		25+ min	Keep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day



Meatballs with Creole Sauce

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 large onion
- 1 1/3 lb (600g) ground beef
- 1 large egg
- 3 tbsp (45 ml) plain flour
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) cayenne pepper
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) hot paprika
- Salt and black pepper
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) olive oil

SAUCE:

- 1 tbsp (15 ml) olive oil
- 1 medium green pepper
- 1 medium red pepper
- 2 cloves garlic
- 2 sticks celery
- 1 can (19oz / 540ml) chopped tomatoes
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 tsp (5 ml) cayenne pepper
- 1 tsp (5 ml) hot paprika
- 1 tsp (5 ml) molasses

METHOD:

- For meatballs, peel and chop onion. Put half into large bowl with beef, egg, flour, cayenne, paprika, salt and pepper. Mix thoroughly and set aside.
- For Creole sauce, heat oil in large pot over moderate heat, fry remaining onion until softened, then rinse, deseed and chop

- peppers and stir into onion.
- Peel garlic and crush into pot. Rinse and chop celery and stir into pot. Cook 2 minutes.
- Add tomatoes and their juice, bay leaf, cayenne, paprika, molasses and 1/2 cup (125 ml) of water and bring mixture to boil. Then simmer, uncovered, 15 minutes or until sauce is thick but vegetables still retain crunch.
- While sauce is simmering, cook meatballs: Heat oil slowly in very large frying pan. With wet hands, shape meat mixture into 16 balls, about size of golf balls, and put carefully into hot oil. Fry over high heat 10 minutes, until browned all over and just cooked on inside.
- Season Creole sauce to taste with salt and pepper and serve with meatballs.

SERVES 4



Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

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ARIES MARCH 21-APRIL 20



Someone you are close to emotionally is in a rebellious mood and you may be tempted to say something harsh. Don't. It will only make it worse.

LIBRA SEPT 23-OCT 23



Allow the ambitious side of your nature to come to the fore. Encourage yourself to do more and do better. You have almost unlimited potential.

TAURUS APRIL 21-MAY 21



You are right to be pleased that you were proved correct — and those who swore blind that you did not know what you were talking about got it wrong.

SCORPIO OCT 24-NOV 22



You seem much more like your old self of late and the Sun in your fellow Water sign of Cancer will give you the confidence to try new things.

GEMINI MAY 22-JUNE 21



You may be eager to cash in on your latest big idea but in all things. Most people don't aim high enough and therefore fall short of their potential.

SAGITTARIUS NOV 23-DEC 21



If you think that you deserve a bigger share of the spoils it is your right and your duty to speak up about it. Don't worry that you might look greedy.

CANCER JUNE 22-JULY 22



Be bold, be brave and be the best you possibly can in all things. Most people don't aim high enough and therefore fall short of their potential.

CAPRICORN DEC 22-JAN 20



An upbeat attitude is essential today, especially if you are one of those Capricorns who tends to take life a bit too seriously at times. Look around you.

LEO JULY 23-AUG 23



The Sun's transit of the most sensitive area of your chart will inevitably make you a bit crabby at times, but that's not a bad thing.

AQUARIUS JAN 21-FEB 18



If you are feeling bored with your current routine then it is up to you to do something about it. No one can make life more interesting for you.

VIRGO AUG 24-SEPT 22



If you are open and honest with people, they will be open and honest with you and together you'll do wonderful things.

PISCES FEB 19-MARCH 20



The Sun in Cancer may be a protective influence but that does not mean you can let down your guard. Trust no one.

FULLY LOADED
CONTEST

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